

What is Claimed is:

1. A smoking article comprising:

an outer wrap of a cellulosic fiber material

circumscribing an inner wrap comprising from 55 to 85% by

5 weight of wood fibers and from 15 to 45% by weight of flax,

said inner wrap circumscribing a tobacco rod.

2. The smoking article of Claim 1 wherein said wood fiber is about 70% by

weight and said flax is about 30% by weight.

3. The smoking article of Claim 1 wherein said wood fiber is selected from

the group consisting of soft woods and hard woods.

4. The smoking article of Claim 3, said soft wood being pine.

5. The smoking article of claim 3, said hard wood being eucalyptus.

6. The smoking article of Claim 1 wherein said flax is selected from the

group consisting of 50-90% bast flax fibers and 10-50% shive flax fibers.

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An inner wrap for a smoking article comprising:

from 50 to 85% by weight of wood and from 15 to

45% by weight of flax fibers.

8. The inner wrap of Claim 7 wherein said wood fiber is about 70% by weight and said flax is about 30% by weight.

9. The inner wrap of Claim 7 wherein said wood fiber is selected from the group consisting of soft wood and hard woods.

5 10. The inner wrap of Claim 7 wherein said flax is selected from the group consisting of 50-90% bast flax fiber and 10-50% shive flax fibers.

11. The inner wrap of Claim 7 wherein said inner wrap has a basis weight of from about 12 to 15 gm/M².

12. The inner wrap of Claim 11 wherein said inner wrap has a basis weight of about 12 gm/M².

13. The inner wrap of Claim 7 wherein said porosity is from about 200 to 160,000 Coresta units.